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- and her consequent exclusion from its benefits.
- 4) V. 28. *Lord*; cf. Mt. 15:22. Her knowledge of Jesus and how she obtained it?
- 5) V. 31. (a) Trace the course of Jesus; (b) why take this circuit?
- 6) Vs. 32-37. (a) Related in Mk. only; (b) note all the peculiar features of this healing work, vs. 33,34; (c) consider their meaning, whether (1) means of cure; (2) as symbols and (3) to awaken the man's faith.
- 7) V. 34. *Ephphatha*; cf. Mk. 3:17; 5:41.
- 8) Ch. 8:1. *Again a great multitude*; consider whether (a) Jesus had recovered his popularity, cf. John 6:66 or (b) these were persons formerly unacquainted with him.
- 9) V. 2. (a) Note the motive of the miracle; (b) was it also intended as a sign?
- 10) Vs. 2-9. (a) Cf. Mk. 6:34-44; (b) note resemblances and differences; (c) decide in view of all the facts (cf. Mk. 8:19,20) whether these are two accounts of the same event.

2. GENERAL TOPICS.

Jesus and the Gentiles. (a) Study the words of Jesus in Mk. 7:27 and Mt. 15:26 in their bearing upon his attitude toward others than Jews; (b) cf. similar teachings Mt. 10:5,6; (c) inquire into the wisdom of this attitude in view of (1) Jewish aversion to Gentiles; (2) the fulfillment of O. T. Prophecy; (3) the preparation of the disciples; (4) the foundation of the Kingdom; (d) cf. Mt. 8:5-12 as revealing another attitude and compare it with John 10:16; Acts 1:8, etc., to see the final purpose of Jesus in relation to Gentiles; (e) note Eph. 2:11-22 for Paul's idea of the relation of this whole question to the death of Jesus; (f) sum up conclusions under (1) his temporal mission; (2) his ultimate purpose.

IV. The Material Organized.

1. Gather the material and classify it under the following heads: 1) persons; 2) places; 3) miracles; 4) important teachings; 5) Jesus as man; 6) literary data; 7) important events.
2. Condense the material into the briefest possible statement under the general topic of A FRONTIER MINISTRY.

V. The Material Applied.

THE DISCIPLINE OF DEFEAT. 1. Note two examples of defeat—Jesus rejected by many and in retirement; the woman repulsed by him. 2. Observe the attitude of each in these circumstances—Jesus faithful to his work yet compassionate; the woman, earnest, trustful, persistent. 3. From these examples draw some conclusions as to the temptations that assail one enduring the discipline of defeat. 4. The spirit in which one should endure it. 5. The relation of this discipline to the development of character.

STUDY XIV.—THE WELCOME CONFESSIO AND THE UNWELCOME TEACHING. MARK 8:10-9:1.

Résumé. 1. Jesus' retreat to the border-land—occasion for it and course of it. 2. The character of Jesus as exhibited on these journeys.

I. The Material Analyzed.

Read carefully Mark 8:10-9:1 and be able to make a definite statement concerning each of the following points:

1. Across the sea (v. 10);
2. Jesus' encounter with Pharisees and departure (vs. 11-13);
3. his admonition concerning them (vs. 14-20);
4. miracle at Bethsaida (vs. 22-26);
5. on the way to northern Galilee (v. 27);
6. the welcome confession (vs. 28-30);
7. the unwelcome teaching (vs. 31-33);
8. the true disciple described (vs. 34-9:1);

II. The Material Compared.

1. With Mk. 8:10-21 cf. Mt. 15:39b-16:12. Note 1) another name, 15:39b; 2) other inquirers, 16:1; 3) a comparison, 16:2,3; 4) explanations, 16:11,12.
2. With Mk. 8:27-9:1 cf. Mt. 16:13-28; Lk. 9:18-27. Note 1) attitude of Jesus, Lk. 9:18; 2) another view of Jesus, Mt. 16:14; 3) Peter's confession, Mt. 16:16; Lk. 9:20; 4) reply of Jesus, Mt. 16:17-19; 5) rebuke of Peter, Mt. 16:22; 6) words of Jesus, Mt. 16:23,27; Lk. 9:23,26,26.
3. What reason can be given for the omission in Mark of the promise to Peter recorded in Mt. 16:17-19?

III. The Material Explained.

1. TEXTUAL TOPICS AND QUESTIONS.

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| <p>1) V. 11. (a) <i>Question with him</i>; (1) i. e. "enter into controversy;" (2) what seems to be their attitude? (b) <i>Sign from heaven</i>; (1) contrasted with signs on earth; (2) on the ground that he claimed to be the Christ; (3) cf. Joel 2:30, 31 for their reason; (4) cf. John 2:18; 6:30; Mt. 12:38 for similar occasions; (5) why did Jesus fail to gratify them; because they were insincere, or incapable of understanding him? (c) <i>Tempting</i>; (1) were they consciously tempting him? or (2) was it a temptation to him all unknown to them? (3) in what respect was it a temptation to him? cf. Mt. 4:3-9.</p> <p>2) V. 12. <i>No sign</i>; cf. Mt. 12:39,40; John 2:19; 3:2 and explain.</p> <p>3) V. 15. <i>Leaven</i>, etc.; (a) i. e. the spirit and influence of these parties; (b) state in a general way what this was.</p> <p>4) V. 16. <i>Reasoned</i>; i. e. "were conversing;" (a) apart from what Jesus was saying, or (b) as suggested by his words.</p> <p>5) V. 17. Compare the insight of Jesus with that of the twelve.</p> <p>6) Vs. 22-26. Note (a) this is related in Mark only; (b) it has special features: (1) done apart; (2) use of means; (3) gradual cure; (4) the man sent home; (c) seek to explain the meaning of these special features; (d) cf. Mk. 7:32-36.</p> <p>7) V. 27. (a) Trace the course taken by Jesus; (b) describe the region</p> | <p>8) V. 28. and characterize its inhabitants; (c) reason for this journey? The reason why Jesus asked this question, whether (a) from curiosity, or (b) to test the disciples, or (c) what other motives?</p> <p>9) V. 30. <i>Of him</i>; (a) that he was the Christ; (b) reason for the charge, whether (1) because of their crude ideas of him, or (2) for fear of his enemies, or (3) to avoid the popular enthusiasm, or (4) other reasons?</p> <p>10) V. 32. <i>Openly</i>; i. e. definitely; cf. Mk. 2:20; John 3:14; Mt. 12:40 for less plain words.</p> <p>11) V. 33. (a) <i>Seeing his disciples</i>; (1) in Mk. only; (2) significance of it here? (b) <i>Satan</i>; (1) cf. Mk. 1:13; (2) was this appropriate to Peter, because of the spirit of his words or in what they suggested to Jesus?</p> <p>12) Vs. 35-38. Note the four sentences introduced by "for" as reasons for v. 34b.</p> <p>13) V. 34. (a) <i>Deny himself</i>; does this mean (1) to refuse to grant his own desires, or (2) to renounce himself? (b) <i>His cross</i>; (1) the custom alluded to; (2) the principle illustrated; (3) was any hint intended of the way in which Jesus would die?</p> <p>14) V. 35. <i>Life</i>; (a) note the two senses in which the word is used; (b) apply them to vs. 35-37.</p> <p>15) V. 38. (a) <i>Adulterous</i>; in what sense? Cf. Hos. 3:1.</p> |
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(b) *When he cometh*; observe (1) the person to whom Jesus refers; (2) what event he indicates; (3) how the statement illustrates his insight.

16) 9:1. *The Kingdom of God come*; decide as to (a) the event indicated, whether (1) the transfiguration; (2) pentecost; Acts 2:2-4; (3) the destruction of Jerusalem; (b) the persons referred to.

2. GENERAL TOPICS.

Estimates of Jesus. Mk. 8:28,29. (a) Note these views about Jesus held by the people, and in the case of each show why it was applicable to him; (b) observe that they do not regard him as the Christ, and decide between two explanations for this fact; (1) there had not been sufficiently clear evidence given them; (2) they had once so regarded him but now cease to do so; (c) in favor of the first explanation, (1) the ambiguous title "Son of man;" (2) the prohibitions, cf. Mk. 3:11,12, etc.; (3) his lowly life and peculiar methods; (4) other reasons, cf. Mt. 11:2,3; Mk. 6:14-16; (d) in favor of the second explanation; (1) his miracles; (2) his words; (3) his personality and witness to himself, Mt. 11:4-6,14; (4) testimony of John Mk. 1:7; John 1:36; (5) of demons, Mk. 1:24; 3:11; 5:6,7; (6) of the people, Mt. 12:23; 14:33; 9:27; 15:22; (7) his attitude (after the events of Mk. 6:34-44; John 6:15) as explaining their change of view (cf. also John 6:52-70); (e) significance of the confession of Peter in either case; (f) which estimate of him satisfied Jesus himself?

IV. The Material Organized.

1. *Classify the material* under the following heads: 1) places; 2) important teachings; 3) important events; 4) miracles; 5) Jesus as more than man; 6) literary data.
2. *Condense Mk. 8:10-26* into the briefest possible statement.
3. Observe the following statement of the essential ideas of Mk. 8:27-9:1, and verify it by working through the processes:

Jesus finds that the twelve, if not others, acknowledge him to be the Christ. He tells them that he is to suffer death at the hands of the Jewish rulers, and that his true followers must have a similar experience to gain true life. If any refuse to honor him as he is now, he will reject them when he comes in glory, as some present shall see him before they die.

V. The Material Applied.

THE DEMAND FOR EVIDENCE. Mk.8:11. 1. The rightfulness and obligation of demanding evidence for the claims of Jesus. 2. The constant craving for more evidence—a characteristic of that age and of the present day. 3. The stronger demonstration of the truth which has, in the end, always resulted from the search for more evidence. 4. This constant craving, a symptom of spiritual disease: (a) unbelief; (b) unconscious hypocrisy. 5. The cure for this disease: (a) candid study of evidence presented; (b) willingness to act so far as the evidence is satisfactory.

STUDY XV.—THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS. MARK 9:2-29.

Résumé. 1. Trace the course of Jesus through the events of the previous "study." 2. The importance of the confession made by Peter, both as a result and a preparation. 3. The new teaching of Jesus concerning himself and his disciples. 4. State some reasons for Christian self-denial.

I. The Material Analyzed.

Read carefully Mk. 9:2-29 and be able to make a definite statement concerning each of the following points: